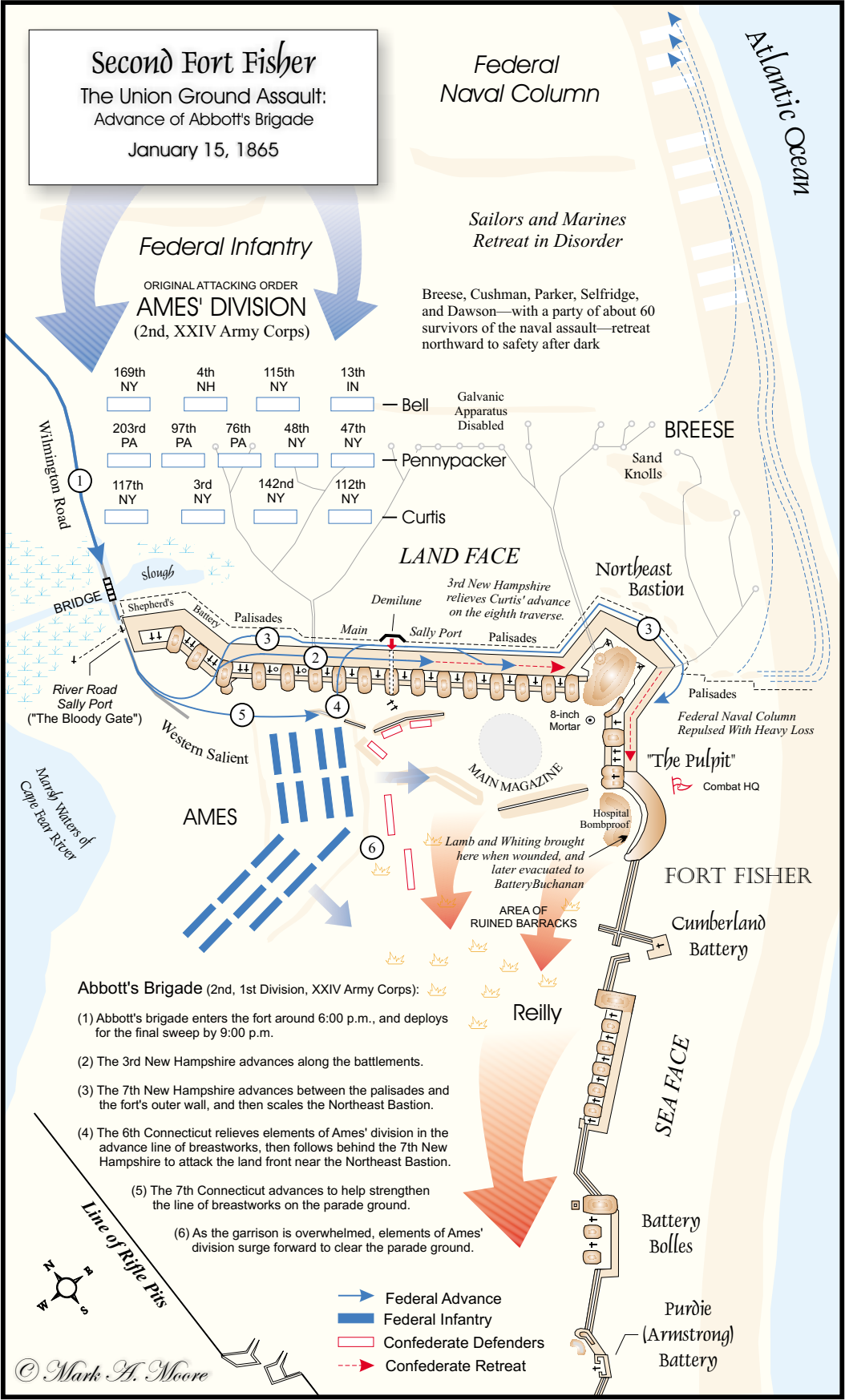
Second Fort Fisher
The Union Ground Assault:
Advance of Abbott's Brigade
January 15, 1865
Federal Naval Column
Atlantic Ocean
Sailors and Marines Retreat in Disorder
Breese, Cushman, Parker, Selfridge, and Dawson—with a party of about 60 survivors of the naval assault—retreat northward to safety after dark
Federal Infantry
ORIGINAL ATTACKING ORDER
AMES' DIVISION
(2nd, XXIV Army Corps)
169th NY
4th NH
115th NY
13th IN
Bell
203rd PA
97th PA
76th PA
48th NY
47th NY
Pennypacker
117th NY
3rd NY
142nd NY
112th NY
Curtis
Galvanic Apparatus Disabled
BREESE
Sand Knolls
Wilmington Road
1
slough
BRIDGE
Shepherd's Battery
Palisades
LAND FACE
Demilune
3rd New Hampshire relieves Curtis' advance on the eighth traverse.
Main
Sally Port
Palisades
Northeast Bastion
3
2
4
5
River Road Sally Port ("The Bloody Gate")
Western Salient
8-inch Mortar
Palisades
Federal Naval Column Repulsed With Heavy Loss
"The Pulpit"
Combat HQ
MAIN MAGAZINE
Marsh Waters of Cape Fear River
AMES
6
Hospital Bombproof
Lamb and Whiting brought here when wounded, and later evacuated to BatteryBuchanan
FORT FISHER
AREA OF RUINED BARRACKS
Cumberland Battery
Abbott's Brigade (2nd, 1st Division, XXIV Army Corps):
(1) Abbott's brigade enters the fort around 6:00 p.m., and deploys for the final sweep by 9:00 p.m.
(2) The 3rd New Hampshire advances along the battlements.
(3) The 7th New Hampshire advances between the palisades and the fort's outer wall, and then scales the Northeast Bastion.
(4) The 6th Connecticut relieves elements of Ames' division in the advance line of breastworks, then follows behind the 7th New Hampshire to attack the land front near the Northeast Bastion.
(5) The 7th Connecticut advances to help strengthen the line of breastworks on the parade ground.
(6) As the garrison is overwhelmed, elements of Ames' division surge forward to clear the parade ground.
Reilly
SEA FACE
Line of Rifle Pits
Battery Bolles
Purdie (Armstrong) Battery
N
E
S
W
Federal Advance
Federal Infantry
Confederate Defenders
Confederate Retreat
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